

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS ADVISORY BOARD,
CITY OF PALESTINE, ON TUESDAY, May 04, 2010.

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The Parks Advisory Board of the City of Palestine, Texas convened in a meeting on Tuesday, May 04, 2010, at 12 p.m., at City Hall, 504 N. Queen Street with the following Board members present:

JOHN B. MCDONALD	CHAIRPERSON
JOE BILL COCHRAN	BOARD MEMBER
SUE HAMMETT	BOARD MEMBER
HOWARD PIQUET	BOARD MEMBER
CARLA CUBSTEAD	BOARD MEMBER

Also in attendance were:

ROY CROUCH	COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR
KRISTEN BROOKS	PALESTINE VISITOR CENTER
HEATHER HREBEC	EVENT COORIDNATOR
KENNETH INGRAM	LT. POLICE DEPARTMENT
ANNE COLEMAN	VHEC
LINDA ASBY	MARKETING DIRECTOR

Absent were:

THELMA C. HOLLAND	BOARD MEMBER
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CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 12:06 p.m. by Parks Board Chairperson John McDonald and he made the motion to approve the minutes from the April 2010 meeting. Carla Cubstead seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve the minutes.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Anne Coleman from the Veterans Historic Education Center gave a brief update on the possibility of relocating Veterans and Phillips Park. She stated that moving the park would not happen and Dove Landscaping will take care of the parks lawn care and will

add plants to help provide a beautiful scenic look for the park and asked that the City help with repairs and will do a walk through one day with Roy Crouch. Some citizens are requesting the brick sign that is on the side of the street be moved and facing Spring Street to be seen. Coleman is also seeking information on Adopt a Park and would like to adopt the Peace Officers Park. Coleman stated with General Phillips Park she would like the Statue to be moved and said she would make this happen if she can get an approval from the board at the June Meeting.

LT. Kenneth Ingram with the Palestine Police Department came in to discuss patrol in City Parks and stated he would see that the Parks are patrolled better but patrol cannot be guaranteed. Ingram said when the officers are not on calls he will see that the area around parks are patrolled more often than usual. Piquet suggested to Ingram maybe the department could place a patrol car in the park and move it around daily to make citizens in the park aware of security in the park.

Linda Asby is the Marketing Director for PEDC gave the Board a copy of the newly created Parks and Recreation brochure and explained that it would be used for welcome packets for the new residents and placed at Hotels. The brochure will include information about activities in Palestine, what is available at each park and area lake. The brochure will be Tri-Fold and will be ready to be distributed within the next few weeks.

The Board discussed the sign at Steven Bennett Park and McDonald said he would like to see a better sign put up than what is up now. Roy Crouch stated that he would have to put the sign in the budgeting, In the meantime maybe look at putting up a \$3-4 Thousand Dollar sign until the budget is approved for a higher quality sign.

Roy Crouch gave an apology to the Board for not informing the Board of a project done at Reagan Park. Grace United Methodist Church was doing projects around Palestine as a Community Partnership and wanted to enhance the Reagan Park Sign, so they added a Flower Bed around it. They were excited to be involved and the group provided the supplies. The group also discussed moving the Landscaping to the other side of Reagan Park but there were some issues about the water lines and Garden Clubs and McDonald said that would be discussed at a later date.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Howard Piquet and seconded by Sue Hammett. Meeting was adjourned at 01:10 p.m.

John B. McDonald
Chairperson – Park Advisory Board

Kristen Brooks
Palestine Visitor Center